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## Polls Backing Kennedy

While various writers, prognosticators, speakers and what not have been direly predicting the consequences of the Cuban fiasco on the popularity of President Kennedy, and have awaited proof of this in reactions of the country, various polls, including the Gallup poll, have found that the public has rallied behind his.

This, in various views, is an astonishing development. Critics have been saying that Kennedy over-estimated the so-called invasion force of the Cuban patriots who tried to make a landing, over-estimated the quality of the plan of campaign, and under-estimated the military strength of Fidel Castro in nipping the revolt in the bud.

The Central Intelligence Service also has been taking a licking from the critics for having dabbled into purely military matters and coming up with either no answers or the wrong answers.

The net of this unfortionate crusade by the patriots which this country supported has been to put the nation squarely behind the President at a time of trouble. The public has disassociated Kennedy from his advisers.

The President for his part is reconstituting a six-man supervisory agency over the Central Intelligence Agency, with its head Dr. James R. Killian Jr. It is a rather curious proceeding that most of the critical shafts directed at Kennedy in the Cuban affair did not come from the opposition party, but from the liberal wing.

The public, too, has noted that our own intelligence services do not stand alone in their failure to apprehend the gravity of the Cuban development. The French Republic, with one of the great intelligence systems of the world, also found that its intelligence failed to warn when it should have warned of the plot of the four generals to overthrow President De Gaulle.

The President has repeatedly been called upon by his writing critics to re-analyze his position in Cuba and Laos. It might be well for some of these critics to reanalyze their own criticism.

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